

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Supportive Housing Program - Partnership for Grant Application

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services

DIVISION: Administration - Fiscal Services

AUTHORIZED BY: Lisa Spriggs **CONTACT:** Michele Saunders, Jennifer Bero **EXT:** 2301, 7163

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to partner with Homeless Services Network for their submission of an application to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development requesting grant funds through the Supportive Housing Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute any supportive documents as may be required in support of their application.

County-wide

Jennifer Bero

BACKGROUND:

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development provides grant funding through the Supportive Housing Program to develop services that will allow homeless persons to live as independently as possible. Program goals include helping homeless persons to achieve residential stability, increase skill levels and/or incomes, and obtain greater self-determination in decision making.

Homeless Services Network seeks to partner with Seminole County and several local nonprofit agencies to pursue the grant for housing and services to disabled homeless persons. Under the application, Seminole County would commit to providing five (5) homes through existing Neighborhood Stabilization Program funding for permanent supportive housing for people who are chronically homeless and/or homeless families with children. Other partners providing services towards the project include:

- Seminole Behavioral Healthcare – Mental Illness Support Services
- Community Based Care of Seminole – Family Support Services
- Sanford Housing Authority – Management of the Properties

Staff provided a letter of commitment with notation that Board approval was pending to Homeless Services Network for inclusion in the application in order to meet the grant deadline of October 12, 2009. Should the request be denied, the letter will be retracted from their application.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board approve to partner with Homeless Services Network for their submission of an application to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development requesting grant funds through the Supportive Housing Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute any supportive documents as may be required in support of their application.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter of Commitment

Additionally Reviewed By: No additional reviews

COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE



October 12, 2009

Ms. Cathy Jackson
Homeless Services Network
1970 Traylor Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32854-7068

Dear Ms. Jackson:

On behalf of Seminole County, I am pleased to offer this letter of commitment in connection with Homeless Services Network's application to the Supportive Housing Program being offered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners on October 27, 2009, Seminole County will make available five (5) homes from our Neighborhood Stabilization Program for permanent supportive housing for people who are chronically homeless and/or homeless families with children. Additionally, we intend to partner with the Sanford Housing Development Corporation, Seminole Behavioral Healthcare, and Community Based Care of Seminole for the grant to ensure both housing and supportive services are available to these individuals and families.

Seminole County is dedicated to reducing homelessness within the county and improving the lives of its citizens who are chronically homeless. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in such a vital community-wide effort.

Sincerely,

Cynthia A. Coto
County Manager